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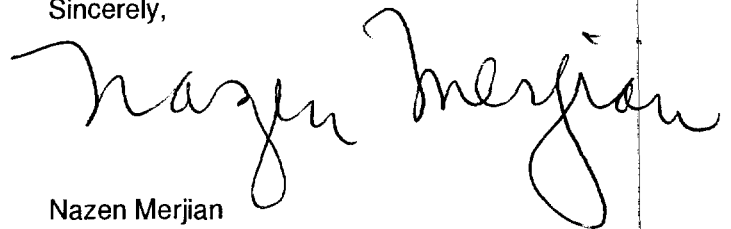
RE: Docket #98P-0203/CP.

We urge the FDA to grant the petition, filed under the above docket number, that would eliminate the practice of forced molting of hens.

It is based on the documentation that starving the hens wrecks their immune systems resulting in Salmonella Enteritidis bacterial poisoning of the hens and their eggs.

It is also cruel and inhumane.

Sincerely,



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